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In re Application of:)
: Examiner: S. Johnson, Jr.
NORIBUMI KOITABASHI, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2853
Divisional Application II of)
Appln. No.: 08/579,241 :
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Filed: July 9, 1999 :
(Herewith))
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For: INK-JET APPARATUS) July 9, 1999
EMPLOYING INK-JET HEAD :
HAVING A PLURALITY OF)
INK-EJECTION HEATERS :
CORRESPONDING TO EACH)
INK EJECTION OPENING :

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Each of the documents was cited in parent Application No. 08/579,241. Accordingly, per 37 CFR 1.98(d) copies of the cited documents are not being provided herewith.

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/104,261	05/17/93	2861 (Pending)
08/745,873	11/08/96	2853 (Pending)

Application No. 08/745,873 is a continuation of a Application No. 08/083,433 cited in the parent application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

JP '259 and JP '905 are discussed on page 5 of the specification, and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

US '124, US '262, US '600, US '359, US '333, US '129, US '796, JP '847, JP '670, JP '461 and JP '260, which generally relate to ink jet recording, are discussed at pages 94-99 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

US '577 is in the same patent family as JP '260.

US '824, US '479, JP '556, JP '324 and EP '097 were cited in a European Search Report of a corresponding European application and were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the parent application on May 23, 1996.

PCT '363, EP '387 and EP '525 were cited in a European Search Report of a corresponding European application and were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the parent application on August 9, 1996.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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